(b) whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(c) whether Government would like to pay compensation in such cases; and

(d) what steps are being taken to prevent such delays?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Under utilisation of passenger capacity on Indian Airlines flights

1366. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on a number of occasions Indian Airlines shows the seats as fully booked whereas a number of seats actually remain vacant;

(b) whether any assessment has been made in this regard; if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) how many flights the Indian Airlines performed during the 1st and 2nd week of July, 1990 from Delhi to Bombay and how many passengers travelled in this flights and what were the actual capacities of the aircraft; and

(d) how much revenue was lost due to under utilisation of the capacity during in these flights?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. A previously fully booked flight of Indian Airlines may show vacant seats on account of the following two reasons:—

(1) Passengers changing their travel plans at the last minute causing cancellations and no-shows just prior to departure.

(2) Operational limitations such as runway length, high temperature, elevation, etc., prevent the aircraft from carrying a full complement of passengers.

(c) Between 1st and 14th July, 1990, Indian Airlines operated 53 Airbus flights from Delhi to Bombay with an average load per flight of 218 as against the available capacity of 273.

(d) In an airlines business because of the last minute cancellations and 'no-shows', 100% utilisation of capacity cannot be achieved. The seat factor of 80% observed between Delhi and Bombay indicates the need for additional capacity. In view of the above it cannot be said that revenue loss has been incurred by Indian Airlines due to under-utilisation.

Missing file on purchase of A-320 aircraft

1367. SHRI A.G. KULKARNI:

SHRI VISHWASRAO RAM RAO PATIL:

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has seen the 'Indian Express' of the 11th May, 1990 (Delhi Edition) and his statement that one file pertaining to Airbus A-320 purchase deal was missing and at the same time the

information provided by the newspaper regarding the number of the file and its contents;

(b) whether the contents of the said news item are true and file has since been traced; and

(c) whether Government would be careful in pushing various FIRs in the Court without proper proof and file support when no tangible outcome is forth-coming?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Indian Express of May 11, 1990 had published a news-item about the missing file no. AV. 18018/14/84-AC based on FIR dated 29-3-90 filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

(b) It has not been possible to trace the file No. AV. 18018/14/84-AC so far despite all efforts.

(c) Whereas efforts are still being made to locate the file bearing No. AV'8018/14/84-AC, the investigation of the case is not entirely dependent on the availability of this file. FIRs in CBI are registered after careful consideration of allegations that are referred to the organisation or are collected through their own source, and appreciation of evidence.

Restricting the use of fluoride in toothpaste

1368. SHRI N.E. BALARAM:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued a notification restricting the fluoride content in toothpaste to 1000 parts per million with a cautionary note that children below seven years should not be allowed to use fluoride toothpaste;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken against manufacturers of toothpaste having higher fluoride content and to withdraw such products from the market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A draft amendment to the Drugs & Cosmetics Rules giving specific provisions relating to toothpastes containing fluoride has been published for comments in the Gazette vide GSR No. 410(E) dated the 29th March, 1990. The details are as follows:—

(i) Fluoride content in toothpastes shall not be more than 1000 ppm and the content of fluoride in terms of ppm shall be mentioned on the tube and carton.

(ii) Every tube and carton of the tooth-paste shall bear the following cautionary note—

Caution:— Children below 7 years should not be allowed to use fluoride toothpastes.

(iii) Date of expiry should be mentioned on the tube and carton.

(c) the comments received will be examined before finalizing the amendment and the manufacturers of toothpastes having higher fluoride contents will be required to reduce the fluoride contents to the prescribed permissible limit, once the amen-